

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1-19. (Cancelled)

20. (Currently Amended) A method of controlling and monitoring via client systems calls placed through telephony devices, each telephony device being a time division multiplexing ("TDM") telephone and not being session initiation protocol ("SIP") enabled, each telephony device and having a unique identifier, the method comprising:

providing a plurality of the client systems and the telephony devices within a communication network, each of the client systems having a unique identifier and hardware and software components that provide a user interface for controlling a telephony device, each a client system for controlling a telephony device using SIP, the plurality of the client systems being communicatively connected in a group;

for each of the telephony devices, providing a logical representation and a physical representation for the telephony device, the logical representation for a the telephony device representing a communication link of the telephony device, the physical representation of a the telephony device representing physical attributes of the telephony device;

determining relationships between the client systems and the telephony devices based on their unique identifiers, a relationship indicating that a client system is to control a telephony device via the logical representation and the physical representation of the telephony device;

for each relationship between a client system and a telephony device, establishing a device control channel between the physical representation of the telephony device and the client system, the device control channel being through a private branch exchange that supports a computer telephony integration ("CTI") protocol and a front end that converts messages between the SIP and the CTI protocol; and

establishing a call control channel between the logical representation of the telephony device and the client system, the call control channel being through the private branch exchange that supports the CTI protocol and the front end that converts messages between the SIP and the CTI protocol, the call control channel being different from the device control channel; and

under control of the user interface of each client system that has a relationship with a telephony device,

controlling the telephony device, via the logical representation by sending SIP messages using the call control channel and via the physical representation by sending SIP messages using the device control channel, to place calls via the telephony device; and

monitoring the telephony device via the logical representation using the call control channel and via the physical representation using the device control channel to receive calls via the telephony device.

21. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 20 wherein further comprising a telephony device may be a SIP-enabled telephone or a TDM telephone and including for each telephony device,

when the telephony device is a TDM device, associating the logical representation and the physical representation of the telephony device with a phone number of the telephony device; and

when the telephony device is a SIP device,

associating the logical representation of the telephony device with an electronic mail address; and

associating the physical representation of the telephony device with a fully qualified domain name.

22. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the determining of the relationships between the telephony devices and the client systems includes searching a network directory for a listing of the telephony devices within the communication network.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the establishing a the device control channel between the physical representation of the telephony device and the a client system and a-telephony-device comprises:

    sending a SIP INVITE message from the client system to the physical representation of the telephony device;

    receiving a SIP OK response sent from the physical representation of the telephony device to the client system;

    sending a SIP acknowledgement (ACK) message from the client system to the physical representation of the telephony device in response to receiving the SIP OK response; and

    sending a SIP SUBSCRIBE message from the client system to the physical representation of the telephony device;

    receiving a SIP OK response sent from the physical representation of the telephony device to the client system; and

    receiving a SIP NOTIFY message from the physical representation of the telephony device to the client system to notify the client device of changes in the status of a physical attribute of the telephony device.

24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 20 wherein the establishing a the call control channel between the logical representation of the telephony device and the a client system and a-telephony-device comprises:

    sending a SIP OPTION message from the client system to the logical representation of the telephony device;

receiving a SIP OK response sent from the logical representation of the telephony device to the client system;

sending a SIP SUBSCRIBE message from the client system to the logical representation of the telephony device;

receiving a SIP OK response sent from the logical representation of the telephony device to the client system; and

receiving a SIP NOTIFY message from the logical representation of the telephony device to the client system to notify the client device of changes in the status of communication link of the telephony device.

25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium device that is not a signal containing instructions for each of a plurality of client systems, a client system for controlling and monitoring calls placed through a first telephony device of a communication network, the client system having hardware and software components that provide a user interface for controlling the first telephony device, the first telephony device being a time division multiplexing ("TDM") telephone, the first telephony device having a logical representation and a physical representation for the first telephony device, the logical representation for the first telephony device representing a communication link of the first telephony device, the physical representation of the first telephony device representing physical attributes of the first telephony device, by a method comprising:

determining a relationship between the client system and the first telephony device;

establishing a device control channel between the physical representation of the first telephony device and the client system, the device control channel being through the a private branch exchange that supports a computer telephony integration ("CTI") protocol and a front end that converts

messages between the\_a session initiation protocol ("SIP") and the CTI protocol;

establishing a call control channel between the logical representation of the first telephony device and the client system, the call control channel being through the private branch exchange that supports the CTI protocol and the front end that converts messages between the\_SIP and the CTI protocol;

under control of the user interface of the client system, controlling the first telephony device, via the logical representation by sending SIP messages using the call control channel and via the physical representation by sending SIP messages using the device control channel, to place a call; and

monitoring the first telephony device via the logical representation using the call control channel and via the physical representation using the device control channel.

27. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium device of claim 26 wherein a the first telephony device may be is a SIP-enabled telephone or a the TDM telephone and including

when the first telephony device is a the TDM telephone, associating the logical representation and the physical representation of the first telephony device with a phone number of the telephony device; and

when the first telephony device is a the SIP-enabled telephone,

associating the logical representation of the first telephony device with an electronic mail address; and

associating the physical representation of the first telephony device with a fully qualified domain name.

28. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium of claim 27 wherein the determining of the relationships between a the first telephony device and the client system includes searching a network directory for a listing of the first telephony devices within the communication network.

29. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium device of claim 26 wherein the establishing of the a device control channel between the client system and the first telephony device comprises:

    sending a SIP INVITE message from the client system to the physical representation of the first telephony device;

    receiving a SIP OK response sent from the physical representation of the first telephony device to the client system;

    sending a SIP acknowledgement (ACK) message from the client system to the physical representation of the first telephony device in response to receiving the SIP OK response; and

    sending a SIP SUBSCRIBE message from the client system to the physical representation of the first telephony device;

    receiving a SIP OK response sent from the physical representation of the first telephony device to the client system; and

    receiving a SIP NOTIFY message from the physical representation of the first telephony device to the client system to notify the client device of changes in the status of a physical attribute of the telephony device.

30. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium device of claim 29 wherein the establishing a of the call control channel between the client system and the first telephony device comprises:

    sending a SIP OPTION message from the client system to the logical representation of the first telephony device;

receiving a SIP OK response sent from the logical representation of the first telephony device to the client system;

sending a SIP SUBSCRIBE message from the client system to the logical representation of the first telephony device;

receiving a SIP OK response sent from the logical representation of the first telephony device to the client system; and

receiving a SIP NOTIFY message from the logical representation of the first telephony device to the client system to notify the client device of changes in the status of communication link of the first telephony device.

31. (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The computer-readable storage medium device of claim 26 wherein the establishing of the device control channel includes establishing a first SIP session and establishing of the call control channel includes establishing a second SIP session that is different from the first SIP session.

33. (Currently Amended) A communication network comprising:

a plurality of telephony devices, each telephony device being a time division multiplexing ("TDM") telephone ("TDM"), each telephony device having a logical representation and a physical representation for the telephony device, the logical representation for a each telephony device representing a communication link of the telephony device, the physical representation of a each telephony device representing physical attributes of the telephony device; and

a plurality of client systems, each client system having hardware and software components that provide a user interface for controlling a first telephony device of the plurality of the telephony devices, each client system for

controlling and monitoring calls placed through the first telephony device by performing steps comprising:

determining a relationships between the client system and a the first telephony device;

establishing a device control channel between the physical representation of the first telephony device and the client system, the device control channel being through a front end device for converting between session initiation protocol ("SIP") messages and computer telephony integration ("CTI") messages; and

establishing a call control channel between the logical representation of the first telephony device and the client system, the call control channel being through a front end device for converting between the SIP messages and the CTI messages; and

controlling the first telephony device via the logical representation using the call control channel and via the physical representation using the device control channel to place a call, the controlling being based on input of a user through the user interface of the client system; and

monitoring the first telephony device via the logical representation using the call control channel and via the physical representation using the device control channel.

34. (Currently Amended) The communication network of claim 33 wherein a the first telephony device may be is a SIP-enable telephone or a the TDM telephone and wherein

when the first telephony device is a the TDM telephone, the logical representation and the physical representation of the first telephony device is associated with a phone number of the telephony device; and

when the first telephony device is a the SIP-enabled telephone,

the logical representation of the first telephony device is associated with an electronic mail address; and  
the physical representation of the first telephony device is associated with a fully qualified domain name.

35. (Currently Amended) The communication network of claim 33 wherein the determining of the relationship between a the first telephony device and the client system includes searching a network directory for a listing of the telephony devices within the communication network.

36. (Currently Amended) The communication network of claim 33 wherein the establishing a of the device control channel between the physical representation of the first telephony device and the client system and the first telephony device comprises:

sending a SIP INVITE message from the client system to the physical representation of the first telephony device;  
receiving a SIP OK response sent from the physical representation of the first telephony device to the client system;  
sending a SIP acknowledgement (ACK) message from the client system to the physical representation of the first telephony device in response to receiving the SIP OK response; and  
sending a SIP SUBSCRIBE message from the client system to the physical representation of the first telephony device;  
receiving a SIP OK response sent from the physical representation of the first telephony device to the client system; and  
receiving a SIP NOTIFY message from the physical representation of the first telephony device to the client system to notify the client device of changes in the status of a physical attribute of the telephony device.

37. (Currently Amended) The communication network of claim 33 wherein the establishing aof the call control channel between the logical representation of the first telephony device and the client system and the first telephony device comprises:

    sending a SIP OPTION message from the client system to the logical representation of the first telephony device;

    receiving a SIP OK response sent from the logical representation of the first telephony device to the client system;

    sending a SIP SUBSCRIBE message from the client system to the logical representation of the first telephony device;

    receiving a SIP OK response sent from the logical representation of the first telephony device to the client system; and

    receiving a SIP NOTIFY message from the logical representation of the first telephony device to the client system to notify the client device of changes in the status of communication link of the first telephony device.

38. (Currently Amended) The communication network of claim 33 including a front end SIP unit in communication with the first telephony device and the client system adapted to convert SIP data to computer-telephony-itegration ("CTI") data and convert the CTI data to the SIP data when the first telephony device is a time division multiplexing ("TDM") device.

39. (Previously Presented) The communication network of claim 33 wherein the first telephony device is a SIP-enabled PBX phone.